



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

Date Issued	March 28, 2005	Interpretation #	05-003
Topic	R-1 Occupancy Upgrades		
Code Section(s)	Section 310.14 (2001 California Building Code)		
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- 1. In general, when a code section in the California Building Code (CBC) is preceded by [For SFM], does this apply to all buildings in the state of a given occupancy class, or does it apply only to those buildings described within the scope of Title 19, Section 103?**

When a code section in the California Building Code is preceded by **[For SFM]**, it means that that section is amended by the State Fire Marshal. If the section in question is a general requirement, then it applies to all occupancies regulated by the State Fire Marshal. On the other hand, if the amended section is specific to a given occupancy, it is only applicable to that occupancy.

- 2. In particular, are existing hotels, motels, apartment buildings and condominiums that do not meet the scope of Title 19 still required to come into compliance with CBC Section 310.14. (upgrading or retrofitting exits, stairways, occupancy separation walls, elevator shaft enclosures, alarm systems etc?)**

Yes. The California Building Code requirements for existing R-1 Occupancies as outlined in Sections 310.14 through 310.14.11 apply. The State Fire Marshal specifically has authority for R-1 Occupancies as per the California Health and Safety Code, Section 13143.